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Hoopeston Area graduate returns to district as school nurse

Hoopeston Area graduate Maya Clemmons is returning to the district in a new role. Clemmons, who graduated in 2012, was approved at the August 17 Hoopeston Area School Board meeting as the district nurse, pending approved background check and initiated EHR. Having a school nurse was one item on the district's list of improvements officials wanted to see for this school year.

Clemmons was hired for the 2023-24 year and will serve all Hoopeston Area buildings.

- In other personnel action:
- Rebecca Simonton and Shala Mills were approved as Maple personal aides, pending approved background check and initiated EHR.
 - Maryna Zaitseva and Janice Manion were approved as bus aides, also pending background checks and initiated EHR.

The board also accepted Chris Small's resignation as middle school baseball volunteer and approved Bryce Leigh as middle/high school baseball volunteer and Zach Lingard and Dylan Mollet as high school football volunteers for the season, pending background checks.

Hoopeston borrows donation idea from northern corn event

When it comes to celebrating sweet corn in Illinois, Hoopeston's National Sweetcorn Festival, at 79, is the matriarch of communities that honor one of American's favorite vegetables.

Being the matriarch is an achievement, but Hoopeston's celebration is not above borrowing an idea from a younger version.

This year, Hoopeston Jaycees are trying out a new fundraising idea: a 50/50 raffle where one lucky donor will split the pot equally with the organization.

The idea was tried at the Mendota Sweet Corn Festival, which just celebrated its 76th year. Sponsored by the Mendota Chamber of Commerce, in 2022, the

In other business, the board approved several payments, including:

- \$14,470 to PowerSchool for the Attendance Intervention Suite subscription for this school year.
- \$41,284.82 to Project Success to begin programming for the new year. Funds are provided through the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III fund.
- \$13,994 to radarsign to purchase two flashing beacon and flashing speed limit signs.
- \$23,320 to TSI Commercial Floor Coverings to close out the middle school floor tile project.
- \$7,389 to Upchurch for preliminary design and construction documents and construction of the stadium bleachers.
- A \$10,630 quote from mobotrex for crosswalk lights and signage.
- \$246,804.52 and \$201,930.97 for payment requests one and two to Southern Bleacher Co., for installation of stadium bleachers.

In other business, the board approved PressPlus Policy Issue 112 updates, approved a Teacher Vacancy Grant Pilot Program application, and approved a spirit store Diversified Occupation position for this year.

chamber and lucky donor split the \$42,240 pot.

Tickets for 50/50 Raffle on sale now and are \$1 each or six for \$5 or 30 for \$20. The drawing will be held on Labor Day and the winner need not be present to win.

Tickets are available at Fast Lanes, The Burger Bank, and Fun for All Miniature Golf.

Another means of raising funds to help with festival expenses was started last year and is back again.

Friends of the Festival sponsorships for the National Sweetcorn Festival are being held for the second year. In this program donors may specify where their gifts are

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Obituaries

OSBORN - Jennie May (Shisler) Osborn, 87, of Potosi, died at 3:40 p.m. Monday, August 21, 2023, at Heritage Health, Hoopeston. Visitation will be 10 a.m. until the 12 p.m. celebration of her life Saturday at Blurton Funeral Home, Potosi. Burial will follow in Potosi Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to American Alzheimer's Association. Condolences may be shared at www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com.

From the Blotter

Bryson S. Irvin, 27, of Hoopeston, was ticketed after a traffic stop at 4:46 a.m. Wednesday at South Fourth St. and East Main. He was cited for drivers license expired more than one year.

No tickets or injuries were reported in an accident at 8:21 a.m. Wednesday in the 200 block of West Lincoln.

Police said Sierra L. Smith, 29, of Hoopeston, backed a 2003 Pontiac Grand Am from a driveway into 2006 Mercury parked by Scott J. Howe, 38, of Hoopeston.

Court Dispositions

July 12

Kayla R. Petty, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for battery, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Larry E. Sutton, Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for general nuisance; status hearing August 9.

Jose L. Torres Jr., Hoopeston, appeared at status hearing for restraint of dogs by owner; status hearing August 9.

Alaura D. Hall, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for theft; status hearing August 9.

Brittney D. Rutledge, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

James E. Miller II, East Lynn, general nuisance case dismissed by hearing officer.

Anita L. Miller, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance, default entered, case sent to state for further enforcement.

Troy A. Knight, Hoopeston, failed to appear at initial appearance for general nuisance, default entered, fined costs only of \$80; status hearing August 9.

Charles I. Powell, Hoopeston, failed to appear at status hearing for general nuisance in four cases; status hearing August 9.

Briefly

Fishing at lagoon paused

Fishing in McFerren Park lagoon is prohibited through September 3. The children's fishing derby will take place at noon September 3.

Hydrant flushing

Hoopeston Water Department flushes hydrants on Fridays during the summer months. Doing so can stir up rust in the system. Residents are asked to consider refraining from doing laundry during flushing.

Addiction recovery group

Men's addiction recovery group meeting. 6 p.m. Sundays in Rossville. Call or text 217-304-4211 or 217-260-1361 for details.

P.E.P. Party

Hoopeston United Methodist Church will hold its free monthly People Enjoying People potluck party at 5 p.m. Monday at the church, 403 E. Main St.

Fire Calls

Hoopeston Fire Department was called at 6:56 p.m. Wednesday to Heritage Health, 423 N. Dixie Hwy., for an activated smoke detector. Nothing was found.

Donation continued from other side

used, such as the corn line, vendor display or food areas, demolition derby, center stage and outside entertainment and others.

All who donate \$50-\$999 will have their names listed on the website, Facebook page, "Friends of the Festival" banner, and in the Festival book. Donors will also receive two Festival passes for free admission into McFerren Park.

Online donations may be made at: hoopestonjaycees.org. Donations may also be mailed to: Hoopeston Jaycees, P.O. Box 28, Hoopeston, IL 60942

Donations support the National Sweetcorn Festival and allow for improvements to continue the community's longstanding tradition! Any amount is greatly appreciated. Questions may be sent to info@hoopestonjaycees.org

Weather

EXCESSIVE HEAT warning through 10 p.m. Friday. Sunny, then scattered thunderstorms today, tonight. High 88, low 68. Tomorrow, mostly sunny. High 80, low 58. Sunday, sunny. High 78, low 56.

For real time Hoopeston weather, visit justthefacts.net/weather/.

Main dish, drinks and table service provided. Those who want to bring a side dish or dessert to share are welcome to do so. All are welcome to come.

Open house set for Safe Routes plan

Hoopeston officials will hold an Open House regarding a proposed Safe Routes to School grant funded project. The event will be held 6-7 p.m. September 5 at Hoopeston City Hall, 301 W. Main St.

The proposed project consists of new sidewalk along the west side of First Ave. between West Elm St. and West Orange St. (IL Route 9) and reconstruction of sidewalk along the north side of Orange (IL Route 9) from First Ave. to Fifth St.

These improvements will meet the American Disability Act requirements, to create a safe route to school for all students.

Classifieds

HELP WANTED

Full-Fill Industries in Henning is hiring for 2nd Production Machine Operators, \$18/hour. Apply at www.full-fill.com. Applications available onsite. EOE

Hubbard Trail Golf Course is accepting applications for a daytime bartender. Must have basset and food handlers or obtain within 120 days after employment. Applications can be picked up at Hubbard Trail or send resume to hubbardtrail.1925@gmail.com

Hub City Media is hiring! We're looking for an entry level Technical Specialist in our Rossville office. Learn more and submit your resume at www.hubcitymedia.com/careers.

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Truck Drivers needed. Must have clean driving record. Contact Brent @ 815-405-4000 sinntruckinginc@gmail.com

City of Hoopeston Police Department is taking applications for certified police officers/part time certification is recognized. Applications ongoing; no deadline applies for certified officers.

RUMMAGE SALES

HOOPESTON: 517 S. Fifth St. Thurs.-Sat., 8-5. Various home items and some tools.